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SUBJ: REPORTED CANCELLATION OF USSR/CAE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

1. A RELIABLE EMBASSY SOURCE REPORTED THAT EMPEROR BOKASSA RECENTLY SIGNED A DECREE ENDING THE USSR/CAE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. STUDENTS ALREADY ENROLLED IN A PROGRAM OF STUDY WILL REMAIN IN THE USSR TO COMPLETE THEIR PROGRAM.

2. AN EMBASSY OFFICER CONFRONTED A LOCAL SOVIET OFFICIAL WITH GIST OF ABOVE INFORMATION AND ASKED IF IT WERE TRUE. THE ANSWER WAS EVASIVE AT BEST BUT CONFIRMED THAT THERE ARE SOME PROBLEMS. SOVIET OFFICIAL STATED HE HAD HEARD THERE WAS A NEW DECREE BUT NO ONE AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY HAS SEEN IT. HE SAID THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, WHICH NORMALLY BEGINS IN JUNE WHEN STUDENTS ARE CHOSEN, HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL JULY. HE FURTHER STATED THAT CAE MINISTER OF PLAN MUST PERSONALLY APPROVE ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS AND, SO FAR, NONE HAS BEEN APPROVED. THE SOVIETS HAVE OFFERED 67 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE 1977-78 SCHOOL YEAR. IN ANY CASE, SOVIETS ARE ASSUMING THEIR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM HAS BEEN POSTPONED AND NOT CANCELLED.

3. COMMENT: DISSATISFACTION WITH SOVIET TRAINING HAS BEEN GROWING IN RECENT YEARS. LAST YEAR THE GOCAE REVOKED AN AGREEMENT THAT

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SOVIET MEDICAL DEGREES WOULD HAVE THE SAME STATUS IN CAE AS FRENCH DEGREES BECAUSE OF LOW QUALITY OF RETURNING SOVIET-TRAINED DOCTORS (BANGUI 1294-76). WE HAVE ALSO HEARD CRITICISM OF SOVIET TRAINING IN MINING/GEOLOGY. ONE OF THE EFFECTS OF CANCELLATION WILL PROBABLY BE INCREASE IN DEMANDS FOR TRAINING IN THE US AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES. HAPPILY WITH INCREASE IN OUR AID PROGRAM AND EXISTENCE OF AFRICAN MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WE WILL

BE IN A POSITION TO RESPOND POSITIVELY.
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